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ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION OF EARTHQUAKE RISK;
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1. IN RESPONSE REFTEL QUERY, DELOFF TOLD BY FOURNIER D'ALBE THAT 40-50 MEMBER STATES LIKELY TO PARTICIPATE IN SUBJECT CONFERENCE. SECRETARIAT UNOFFICIALLY INFORMED BY SOVIETS THEY LIKELY TO SEND DELEGATION OF SIX (DISCIPLINES UNSPECIFIED). WHILE CHINESE PERMDEL AT UNESCO "CAREFUL NOT TO COMMIT THEMSELVES" TO PARTICIPATING, FOURNIER D'ALBE SAID THEY ALSO STATED THEY WERE "VERY INTERESTED" IN CONFERENCE AND HAVE SOUGHT DETAILED BACKGROUND INFORMATION. SECRETARIAT THEREFORE HAS IMPRESSION THAT THERE A GOOD CHANCE CHINESE WILL PARTICIPATE. PERMDEL WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF FURTHER INDICATIONS OF CHINESE INTENTIONS.

2. FOLLOWING COUNTRIES HAVE FORMALLY COMMUNICATED THEY WILL PARTICIPATE. GENERAL COMPOSITION OF RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS, INDICATED IN PARENTHESES, ACCORDING TO
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FOURNIER D'ALBE'S DESCRIPTION: BELGIUM (UNESCO PERMREP),

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CANADA (NOT YET KNOWN), CHILE (2 - UNESCO PERMREP AND SCIENTIST), DENMARK (TWO SCIENTISTS), FRANCE (12, NAMES UNKNOWN), GDR (1 SCIENTIST, 1 ENGINEER), IRAN (3 OR 4, UNSPECIFIED), INDONESIA (2 PERSONS, NAMES UNKNOWN), IRAQ (1 SCIENTIST), LIBYA (2 "UNIVERSITY EXPERTS"), NEW ZEALAND (ENGINEER), TURKEY (UNSPECIFIED), UK (2 EARTH SCIENTISTS, 2 ENGINEERS, 1 SOCIAL SCIENTIST, DEPUTY PERMREP), YUGOSLAVIA (1 SEISMOLOGIST, 1 ENGINEER). GUATEMALA AND INDIA HAVE EXPRESSED TENTATIVE INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION.

3. OBSERVER PARTICIPATION WILL BE: IAEA, INTER AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, INTERNATIONAL UNION OF ARCHITECTS, LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES, PAN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF ENGINEERING SOCIETIES.

4. MEMBER STATES WHICH HAVE STATED THEY WILL NOT PARTICIPATE ARE: BARBADOES, FINLAND, GUYANA, MAURITIUS, NIGERIA, SINGAPORE, SYRIA, UPPER VOLTA.

5. FOURNIER D'ALBE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT SO FAR THERE VERY SCANT REPRESENTATION OF SOCIAL SCIENTISTS INDICATED IN MEMBER STATE DELEGATIONS, DESPITE HEAVY FOCUS ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF EARTHQUAKE FORECASTING AND PREPARATION MEASURES. SECRETARIAT HOPES THAT US REPRESENTATION ACCORDINGLY WOULD INCLUDE APPROPRIATE SOCIAL SCIENCES EXPERTISE; PARTICULARLY IN VIEW PIONEERING US RESEARCH IN THIS AREA OF EARTHQUAKE ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION.

6. RE REFTEL PARA 2 REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION, COPIES INITIALLY SENT DECEMBER 15 BY SECRETARIAT DIRECTLY TO DEPARTMENT BUT WERE PROBABLY DELAYED BY CHRISTMAS SEASON POSTAL LOGJAM. PERMDEL HAS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL COMPLETE SET OF DOCUMENTS AND WILL AIRPOUCH TO IO/UNESCO. RUSH

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